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CHARLESTON, IL (May 13, 1987)--Eastern Illinois University coach Janet Marquis has announced that **MELANIE MAYNARD** (CUBA-ILLINOIS CENTRAL CC), **JEANETTE SAMEK** (STREATOR) and **CARRIE VOISIN** (QUINCY-NOTRE DAME) have signed national letters of intent to play softball for the Lady Panthers next season.

Maynard, a junior-to-be, is a right-handed hitting and throwing outfielder for Illinois College, winner of the Region XXIV Tournament this spring. ICC won the regional crown as Maynard scored the winning run with two outs in the seventh inning of the title game against Wabash CC. Maynard batted .309 with three doubles, one triple and two home runs a year ago.

"I'm very excited to get Melanie," said EIU head coach Janet Marquis. "No. 1, she's got a super outfield arm, and No. 2, she can jump in and be a leader for us."

Samek, a freshman-to-be, is a three-time North Central Illinois Conference selection who played her first three seasons under A.T. Mogill, father of current EIU standout pitcher **ZAM MOGILL** (STREATOR). As a junior infielder, the right-handed Samek batted .387. She was a member of Streator's state runner-up squad in 1984.

"Jeanette is a good kid with a good attitude," said Marquis. "She's capable of playing several positions for us next season. She's got a heck of a bat and a great arm."

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Voisin, a freshman-to-be, is a left-handed hitting and throwing first baseman who was a member of the Chicago Tribune first-team all-state squad last spring after hitting .478 with six doubles, nine doubles, eight homers and 44 runs batted in. She was also an all-area choice by the Quincy Herald-Whig and a member of the All-Midwestern Conference team.

"I expect Carrie to start at first base next season," Marquis said. "She could be one of our top hitters. She's real excited to come to Eastern and play softball."

Maynard is considering majoring in sociology, Samek in criminal justice and Voisin in art. "These three players are all going to help us next year right away," said Marquis. "They're adding speed and power to our lineup."

The Lady Panthers were 25-19-1 this season and captured their second straight Gateway Conference regular-season title. Eastern has a 55-34-2 record in two years under Marquis.